posts. Thus posting against each post is unique in nature.

As regards transfer policy in Board's office, in normal course officers working in Establishment and Public dealing sections are rotated after they continue in the same post for more than 4/5 years. However, some officers are permitted to continue in the administrative interest to maintain continuity and availability of expertise particularly in the Branches where there have been changes of incumbency in the senior posts.

Renewal of book stall contract

769. SHRI GAYA SINGH: Will the Minister RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that every book stall contract is renewed for a period of five years as per procedure laid down by the Ministry;

(b) whether this procedure is being violated by the Eastern and South Eastern Railways in renewing the bookstall contracts for a period of one year basis for harassing the contractors; and

(c) if so, the details/reasons thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS, MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING & PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI RAM NAIK): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

Restriction on sale of all India railway time tables published by private parties

770. SHRI GAYA SINGH: Will the Minister RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any restriction on the sale of All India time tables ('at a glance') as well as Zonal Railway time tables, published by private parties, on book stalls at Railway stations; and

(b) if so, the details of guidelines in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS, MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI RAM NAIK): (a) and (b) 'Trains At a Glance' is a copyright publication of Indian Railways. Hence, it cannot be re-produced or sold by unauthorised persons. However, some Time-Tables containing airlines schedules, train timings and tourist information are published and sold by private parties. These private time tables are not authenticated by Railways and Railways do not take any responsibility for the material published therein.

Passenger traffic on routes connecting four metropolitan cities

771. SHRI SANJAY NIRUPAM: Will the Minister RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) what steps Railways are contemplating to meet the increasing demand of passenger traffic on routes connecting four metropolitan cities of Mumbai, Delhi, Calcutta and Chennai; and

(b) when will the confirmed reservation on the day of journey on trains to above cities be available?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS, MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI RAM NAIK): (a) Besides augmenting the load of existing services keeping in view the operational feasibility, availability of stock and traffic justification, a weekly Super Deluxe Express between Howrah and Mumbai and a tri-weekly Express between Howrah and Tiruchirappali via Chennai will be introduced during the current year. Besides, extra coaches are also attached and special trains are also run on these corridors to clear extra rush of passengers during Summer/Pooja/winter holidays, etc.

(b) There is a gap between the demand and the availability of reserved accommondation in certain trains running on important routes. However, Tatkal reservation scheme has been introduced on many trains to provide